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FOLLOWING REPEAT DACCA 1849 ACTION SECSTATE 08 APR 77

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SUBJ: PL 480 SHIPMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 078241 (B) STATE 078240

1. IN A CALL ON FOOD JOINT SECRETARY ANISUZZAMAN KHAN
APRIL 8, USAID DIRECTOR TONER WAS ADVISED THAT AT SENIOR
LEVEL INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING APRIL 7 CONCLUSION REACHED
THAT BDG COULD HANDLE 100,000 METRIC TONS TITLE I SHIPMENT
IN JUNE WITH SECOND TRANCHE OF 100,000 TONS ARRIVING IN
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JULY.

2. JOINT SECRETARY SAID THE PRESENT PROJECTED FOODGRAIN
SHIPMENTS FOR JUNE INCLUDE 75,000 TONS EEC, 40,000 TONS
FRG AND 30,000 TONS WFP. KHAN SAYS
GOVERNMENT DECISION TO CALL FORWARD ADDITIONAL JUNE TITLE I
SHIPMENT OF 100,000 METRIC TONS BASEDON ASSUMPTION THAT 40

PERCENT OF THIS AMOUNT COULD BE HANDLED AT CHAINA AND THE BALANCE AT CHITTAGONG. NKHAN ASSUMES SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS CALL FOR GROSS DISCHARGE WHICH MEANS THAT SHIPPER WILL BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIGHTERAGE.

3. GIVEN URGENCY OF FOODGRAIN NEEDS AS SEEN BY BDG, DECISION WAS TAKEN TO UTILIZE EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES TO ASSURE RAPID DISCHARGE DESPITE MONSOON CONDITIONS. KHAN SAYS HE IS CONFIDENT BDG CAN HANDLE THIS LOAD ALTHOUGH HE ADMITS IT PUTS A STRAIN ON THEM. BDG JUDGMENT DID NOT ASSUME THAT MORE THAN 100,000 METRIC TONS OF TITLE I SHIPMENTS WOULD ARRIVE IN JUNE.

4. AT THE SAME TIME THIS DISCUSSION WAS BEING HELD CARE/ DACCA ADVISED US THAT THEIR REQUEST TO NEW YORK TO EXPEDITE THE OCTOBER SHIPMENT OF 57,000 TONS OF TITLE II WHEAT HAS RESULTED IN A NEW YORK OFFER THAT MIGHT GET THESE FOODGRAINS IN CHITTAGONG IN JUNE.

WHEN THIS INFORMATION WAS RELAYED TO ANISUZZAMAN KHAN HIS REACTION WAS THAT IT POSED NO PROBLEM, THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE IT.

5. CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATIONS:

IT APPEARS TO US THE BDG POSITION IS ONE OF CALLING FORWARD ALL AVAILABLE FOODGRAINS AND LETTING IT SIT IN THE GARBOR IF NECESSARY SINCE THIS WOULD BE DONE AT THE COST OF THE SHIPPER RATHER THAN THE BDG. WE BELIEVE THAT GIVEN THE ABOVE THE MOST SENSIBLE COURSE TO FOLLOW WOULD BE:

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A. SCHEDULE 50,000 TONS OF TITLE I FOODGRAINS TO ARRIVE IN CHITTAGONG IN JUNE. OTHER FOODGRAIN SHIPMENTS SCHEDULED TOTAL 145,000 TONS.

B. SCHEDULE TITLE II 57,000 TON SHIPMENT FOR LATE JULY OR AUGUST. NO OTHER FOODGRAIN SHIPMENTS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST.

6. THIS SCHEDULE HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH WFP REPRESENTATIVE TREVOR PAGE.

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